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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN CHROME

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1. ON JUNE 3, ECON-COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR WAS CALLED BY COUNSELOR GURGEL DE ALENCAR, CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S COMMERCIAL POLICY DIVISION, TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT. (PRESENTATION OF REFTEL HAD BEEN MADE UPON RECEIPT.) ALENCAR CONFIRMED THE MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED THE PROPOSED TEXT, SUBMITTED BY TREASURY TO THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AND SAID AN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING IT.

2. ALENCAR STATED THE GOB WISHED TO CONFIRM ITS INTEREST IN ARRIVING AT AN AGREEMENT QUICKLY; BRAZIL HAD SIMILAR LEGISLATION. HOWEVER, EVEN IF TH TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO WORK OUT A TEXT, THROUGH THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY, BY JUNE 18, THE INSTITUTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES BY THE GOB WOULD TAKE CONSIDERABLY LONGER. BRAZIL, THEREFORE, WISHED TO USE FULLY THE TOLERANCE
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MARGIN OF 30 TO 40 DAYS SUGGESTED BY US TREASURY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, AND WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT THE USG WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO THESE TOLERANCES. (ALENCAR SOMEWHAT LATER SUGGESTED THAT A 30-40 DAY TOLERANCE PERIOD WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE SUFFICIENT AND THAT TOLERANCE BEYOND THE 30-40 DAYS MIGHT BE REQUIRED BY BRAZIL.)

3. ALENCAR SAID GOB ATTACHED CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THIS REQUEST, GIVEN THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF INSTITUTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE BY THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH. THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY WAS BEING INSTRUCTED TO RAISE THIS MATTER DIRECTLY WITH TREASURY.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE BRAZILIAN AGENCIES INVOLVED WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY INSTITUTING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE, ALTHOUGH WE FIND AN INCONSISTENCY IN ALENCAR'S STATEMENT THAT BRAZIL ALREADY HAS SUCH LEGISLATION ON ITS BOOKS. UNLESS THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS OF WHICH WE ARE NOT AWARE, WE RECOMMEND THAT USG RESPOND FAVORABLY TO BRAZILIAN REQUEST.
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NOTE BY ANALYSIS: #REFTEL BELIEVED TO BE INCORRECT.

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